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RPTD FOR YOUR INFO.
QUOTE.

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: ENRG, EGEN, IN
SUBJ: MORE PROBLEMS FOR ASAMERA

REF: MADRAS 1000 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE CASING RUPTURE REPORTED IN REFTTEL WAS REPAIRED
ON JUNE 18. EXPLORATORY DRILLING BEGAN AGAIN THE FOL-
LOWING DAY AND HAS NOW REACHED 5,250 FEET. ONLY ABOUT
1,250 FEET OF DRILLING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE
PAST NINE DAYS BECAUSE OF POOR WEATHER. HEAVY OCEAN
SWELLS, UP TO 12 FEET, CAUSED GLOMAR III TO DRAG ITS
ANCHORS, AND REBOUNDED SWELLS FROM A REEF NEAR THE
SITE HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO POSITION THE SHIP TO
AVOID EITHER ROLL OR PITCH.

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2. IF THE WESTHER BREAKS, THE FIRST AREA OF PROMISE,
AT 5,400 FEET, COULD BE REACHED WITH A FEW MORE HOURS
OF DRILLING. THE ASAMERA REP IS ENCOURAGED BY THE
TYPE OF SHALE DEBRIS COMING OUT OF THE HOLE, BUT
POINTS OUT THAT THERE IS NOTHING MAGIC ABOUT 5,400
FEET, CAN BE REACHED BY THE END OF JULY, BEFORE THE

ONSET OF THE GULF OF MANNAR'S WORST WEATHER WHICH
OCCURS IN AUGUST.

3. CURRENT MINOR PROBLEMS INCLUDE HASSELS WITH
OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORTS IN MADURAI AND TUTICORIN.
THESE FIELDS ARE OPEN AND THEIR CONTROL TOWERS OPERATE
ONLY WHEN COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS ARE ARRIVING OR DEPARTING
MUCH TO THE CONSTERNATION OF AIRPORT OFFICIALS, THE
ASAMERA HELICOPTER HAS DROPPED IN A FEW TIMES WHEN
THE FIELDS WERE CLOSED. OFFERS BY ASAMERA TO PAY
OVERTIME TO AIRPORT STAFF IN ORDER TO KEEP THE FIELDS
OPEN HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. THE ASAMERA REP HOPES
TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM ON HIS NEXT TRIP TO NEW DEHI.
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